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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 6151

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ICCS: STALEMATE PERSISTS

REF: A. SAIGON 5984, B. SAIGON 5680, C. SAIGON 5153

1. EMBOFF LEARNED FROM INDODEL AMB IDRIS MAY 10 THAT EXTENDED CONSULTATION PREVIOUS EVENING HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING STALEMATE.

2. STICKING POINT CONTINUES TO BE FOR INDODEL QUESTION OF AGREEMENT ON AGENDA FOR PLENARIES. INDODEL CONTINUES STRONGLY COMMITTED TO PRINCIPLE THAT ANY DEL MAY INSIST UPON INCLUSION OF ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PLENARY. THUS, INDODEL HAS NOT RETREATED FROM ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS GVN REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TONG LE CHAN AND "PRG" REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION LOC NINH BOMBING. OPPOSED TO INDODEL REQUEST ARE PRIMARILY HUNGARIANS, SUPPORTED BY POLES, WHO WISH TO DISCUSS BOTH REQUESTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE. IDRIS ALSO RECOUNTED PREVIOUS HISTORY THIS CASE (REF B) INVOLVING IRDEL AMB SADRY AND HUNGDEL AMB LORINCZ-NAGY, IN WHICH INDODEL
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BELIEVES BOTH WAVERED AND ULTIMATELY WITHDREW FROM AGREED

POSITIONS REACHED IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. OTHER MAJOR SUBJECT, ACCORDING TO IDRIS, WAS POLDEL AMB FIJALKOWSKI'S EFFORT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT THAT ICCS, AND NOT JUST POLDEL, SHOULD OBJECT STRONGLY TO GVN SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON POLDEL AND HUNGDEL ABSENCE IN INVESTIGATION SONG PHU INCIDENT. IDRIS SAID HE HAD CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT THIS WAS MATTER OF DELEGATION'S CONCERN AND NOT OF ICCS AS A WHOLE. IDRIS CITED AGAIN DURING ARGUMENTATION, AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DONE IN ICCS PLENARY, FACT THAT INDODEL HAD MADE DIRECT RESPONSE WHEN CRITICIZED DIRECTLY BY "PRG" WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE ICCS AS AN ENTITY; IDRIS SAID HIS DEL CONSIDERED PRESENT SITUATION A PARALLEL ONE IN WHICH GVN CRITICISM DIRECTED AGAINST HUNGDEL AND POLDEL SHOULD BE HANDLED AS A DELEGATION MATTER AND NOT AS AN ICCS ONE.

4. IN DISCUSSING SONG PHU, FIJALKOWSKI HAD ATTEMPTED, NOT PARTICULARLY ADROITLY, TO SUGGEST THAT INDODEL AND IRDEL WERE IN REALITY RESPONSIBLE FOR GVN CRITICISM BECAUSE THEY HAD PROCEEDED TO MAKE THEIR QTE OBSERVATIONS UNQTE WITHOUT OR IN ADVANCE OF UNANIMOUS ICCS AGREEMENT TO INVESTIGATE. IDRIS AND IRANIANS BOTH REJECTED THIS POINT OF VIEW AS THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY DONE IN THE PAST.

5. IDRIS SAID HE HAD INADVERTENTLY LEARNED THAT HUNG AMB IN TEHRAN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REGISTER PROTEST AT FONOFF BECAUSE IRDEL OBSERVATION POLICY. IDRIS SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT FONOFF IN JAKARTA CALL IN IRANIAN AMB IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE IRANIANS STOOD FIRM.

6. IDRIS REMARKED THAT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDODEL AND IRDEL IS NOW CORDIAL AND HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE.
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